

GERMAN BANKS ARE BUYING UP ALL THE GOLD COIN

Agents Send Messengers to Cash Checks and Notes to Every Bank in Paris, Causing Novel Situation.

City Evening Herald A. P. Leased Wire

PARIS, Oct. 7.—Persons leaving on trains to cash checks in the middle of September learned to their surprise that none of the Paris banks were prepared to pay in gold. An American gentleman who presented a check for 2,000 francs at the Bank of France was given only 300 in gold and his request for more, refused.

The banked branch of one of the largest French houses which agents started the day with 2,000 to 3,000 francs in gold, recently paid 1,000 and was unable to obtain more. Payment was made in French pieces, which are legal tender up to any amount. Indeed, the dividends of government stock are always paid in these bulky coins.

This stoppage of the gold coins is mainly due to the fact that the agents of a number of German banks were buying up gold as fast as they could, paying 1 francs per 1,000 premium. In addition to sending messengers to cash checks and notes at every bank in the city, these agents took all the gold from the big department stores until the attention of the directors of the bank of France was attracted to the abnormal demands for gold from these establishments, and immediately called the issue of gold to banks and large commercial houses likely to pay it out of the country. One consequence was that the public, hearing what the banks were doing, was disposed to hoard gold too and not to put it out of the banks. Considerable gold was therefore temporarily out of circulation.

General people in France certainly have been afraid that war was coming. The common people of Paris, having in mind the hardships that they have heard, were undergoing in the siege of 1870-71, have been bound-

ing food, dried beans, dried fruits, preserved meats and other articles of food that a few months' storage will not damage. The great provision houses are entirely bought out of some flavor of these goods. Another reason besides cattle appearance of a store, has been the knowledge that should war begin, the price of food would rise and the thrifty French housewife has taken the precaution to buy contents of food in advance when prices are normal.

Alfred M. Collins and E. Marshall Gould of Philadelphia, have sailed from Marseilles on their way to Central African hunting fields to collect specimens of large and small animals for the Philadelphia Academy of Natural Sciences. They go by way of Suez, Port Said, Suez and Mombasa, British East Africa.

Their expedition will penetrate into Nubria, from where they design to penetrate to parts of equatorial Africa little known to the outside world. They take with them fifty cases of equipment bought in London for their party which will number 100 natives, drivers, porters and servants under the command of a professional white hunter, George H. Outram.

Gould and Gould expect to be in the interior in about three months and to bring back for the museum specimens to be mounted entire or skins, rarer, grizzly, hippopotamus, zebra, lion, baboon, smaller animals and butterflies. After they have finished the African hunt they will return home by way of India, China and Japan in the spring of 1912.

Results of the aeroplane scouting at the French monomotors are agreed by the military critics to have been admirable. The aviators showed endurance, energy and accuracy of observation, and set the limitations of air scouting very far indeed.

The aeroplane is a bird of the day. It flies with the down and dashes to the with the lightning. During the night, troops are free to move without eyes peering at them from above. The aeroplane is also a fair-weather bird, very useful during clear fine days, but obliged to seek shelter from high winds and whose eyes are dulled by rain, fog and clouds.

The most effective of Turners' campaigns is that of Austerlitz, fought in winter. Austerlitz was fought on December 2, and the battle of Elbe was contested in a rain storm. The budget for military aeronautics next year is \$2,025,000. France will have about 200 army aeroplanes next summer.

PRINCE ADVERTISES FOR IMMEDIATE MARRIAGE

Title Offered for Sale in Berlin for Small Sum of \$75,000: Bloodhounds Successful in Tracking Criminals.

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BERLIN, Oct. 7.—A recent advertisement in a leading Berlin newspaper, the "Neue Zeitung," offering a real estate in the marriage market at the extremely low price of \$75,000, has created widespread discussion. The announcement reads: "Prince, 28 years old, solid appearance, of great general education and polished widow. Immediate marriage. Ready even now. Good marks. Marriage broker entertained. Offers etc."

It is pointed out in many of the commentaries on this, even for Europe, extraordinary that titles are the only things that are recently to come cheaply, and it is noted that perhaps the rise in the value of meat, vegetables and other household necessities is the cause of this diminution in value.

A prince, however, has probably in reality a gift of \$75,000. In the west end of Berlin a simple private professor had hitherto commanded that sum in the matrimonial market, while a medical man or lawyer in good practice was not to be had below \$100,000 and a doctor of philosophy commanded \$1,000 at the very least. The controversy results not so much in what is likely to be the price of many counts who figure in the market in the face of this low offer of a live prince.

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